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1. SUMMARY: FLETCHER AND FRUTKIN MET WITH FRG TECHNOLOGY MINISTER EHMKE AND SENIOR OFFICIALS OF GERMAN SPACE PROGRAM FOR FRANK EXCHANGE OF VIEWS. EHMKE LED OFF WITH LIST OF QUESTIONS EXPLORING US COMMITMENT TO US- EUROPEAN COOPERATION IN POST- APOLLO PROGRAM AND POTENTIAL LIMITATIONS ON EUROPEAN PARTICIPATION AND UTILIZATION OF SPACE TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM. IN ADDITION TO THE GERMAN CONCERNS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED, EHMKE ASKED WHETHER THERE WOULD BE LIMITATIONS OR DISCRIMINATION AGAINST EUROPE IN THE COMMERCIAL UTILIZATION OF THE SORTIE LABORATORY. FLETCHER OFFERED APPROPRIATE ASSURANCES AND URGED PROMPT ACTION TO COMPLETE NEGOTIATION OF AGREEMENTS TO RESOLVE ANY REMAINING EUROPEAN UNCERTAINTIES. END SUMMARY.

2. IN FAST- MOVING 90 MINUTE CONVERSATION NASA ADMINISTRATOR
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FLETCHER AND ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR FRUTKIN EXPLORED GERMAN VIEWS ABOUT US- EUROPEAN COOPERATION IN SPACE TECHNOLOGY WITH FRG TECHNOLOGY MINISTER EHMKE AND SENIOR OFFICIALS FRG SPACE PROGRAM. DISCUSSIONS CONTINUED DURING LUNCH HOSTED BY THE AMBASSADOR. EHMKE POSED SEVERAL QUESTIONS AS TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION, I. E. US USE OF EUROPEAN SORTIE LABORATORY, EUROPEAN ACCESS TO KNOW- HOW, FINANCIAL TERMS FOR EUROPEAN USE OF SHUTTLE, EUROPEAN PARTICIPATION IN SORTIE LAB MISSIONS INCLUDING EVALUATION OF DATA AND POSSIBLE CONSTRUCTION OF EUROPEAN OPERATIONS CENTER, POSSIBLE SHUTTLE SUB- CONTRACTS FOR EUROPEAN INDUSTRY AN OPTION TO PARTICIPATE IN FUTURE POST- APOLLO DEVELOPMENT PRORAMS AND THE UTILIZATION BY EUROPE OF SORTIE LABORATORY FOR COMMERCIAL PURPOSES WITHOUT DISCRIMINATORY LIMITATIONS.

3. FLETCHER AND FRUTKIN MADE IT CLEAR THAT IT WAS ALMOST TOO LATE FOR SHUTTLE SUB- CONTRACTS TO EUROPEAN INDUSTRY ALTHOUGH ONE OR TWO MIGHT STILL BE POSSIBLE IF REQUIRED COMMITMENT UNDER GOVERNMENT- TO- GOVERNMENT AGREEMENT COULD BE CONCLUDED QUICKLY.

4. EUROPEAN PARTICIPATION IN DATA EVALUATION AND PERSONNEL TRAINING IN US OPERATIONS CENTERS SHOULD BE POSSIBLE. THE US WOULD WISH USE ITS OWN OPERATIONS CENTERS. HOWEVER, SEPARATE EUROPEAN CENTER MIGHT BE POSSIBLE. FRG REPS ASKED ONLY THAT THIS QUESTION BE KEPT OPEN.

5. FLETCHER ASSURED EHMKE THAT SHUTTLE WOULD BE AVAILABLE ON NON- DISCRIMINATORY FINANCIAL BASIS AND TERMS WOULD NOT RPT NOT INCLUDE DEVELOPMENT COSTS, UNDER GENERAL CONDITIONS OUTLINED IN LETTERS FROM UNDER SECRETARY JOHNSON. EHMKE ASKED WHETHER THERE WOULD BE ANY DISCRIMINATORY LIMITATIONS ON COMMERCIAL UTILIZATION OF SORTIE LAB. HAUNSCHILD (" UNDER SECRETARY" OF TECHNOLOGY) EXPLAINED THAT PRESENT CONCERN WAS LINKED TO ON- GOING DIFFICULT DISCUSSIONS WITH USG ABOUT NEW US TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR URANIUM ENRICHMENT SERVICES. WHILE UTILIZATION OF SPACE SYSTEM AND URANIUM ENRICHMENT WERE DIFFERENT TECHNOLOGICALLY, BOTH ISSUES RAISED SAME POLITICAL QUESTION OF DISCRIMINATION. FLETCHER PREFERRED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ON THIS POINT BUT URGED PROMPT NEGOTIATION OF AGREEMENT AS BEST WAY OF RESOLVING QUESTIONS. EHMKE EMPHASIZED THAT THIS POINT NEEDED CLARIFICATION.

6. FLETCHER ASSURED EHMKE THAT SORTIE LAB WAS CRITICAL PART OF SHUTTLE SYSTEM AND EMPHASIZED THAT IT WAS IMPORTANT EUROPE DO GOOD JOB. FRG REPS REVIEWED THEIR PLANS FOR NEW AND MORE EFFICIENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM, INCLUDING GERMAN PRIME CONTRACTOR. FLETCHER URGED FIRM COMMITMENT FROM AT LEAST FRG AND ITALY ASAP AND PROMPT NEGOTIATION OF REQUIRED AGENCY- TO- AGENCY AND GOVERNMENT- TO- GOVERNMENT AGREEMENTS.

7. RE POSSIBLE EUROPEAN PARTICIPATION IN FUTURE POST- APOLLO DEVELOPMENTS, I. E. FREE- FLYING MODULES, FLETCHER FORSAW NO PROBLEMS AND WOULD BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS THIS. HE PROBED FRG INTEREST IN NEW COOPERATIVE PROJECTS. EHMKE RESPONDED THAT FRG BUDGET FOR S AND T WAS FULLY COMMITTED AND MENTIONED ATMOIC ENERGY PROJECTS FOR FAST BREEDER AND HIGH TEMPERATURE REACTOR DEVELOPMENT AND THE GAS CENTRIFUGE FOR URANIUM ENRICHMENT. BUDGET FOR S AND T MUST INCREASE AT RATE TEN PERCENT PER YEAR SIMPLY TO MEET PRESENT COMMITMENTS. FRG REPS ASSUMED THAT ADDITIONAL SIGNIFICANT PROJECTS, FOR EXAMPLE A GROUND STATION FOR THE EARTH RESOURCES TECHNOLOGY SATELLITE WOULD NOT RPT NOT BE POSSIBLE. EHMKE REMARKED THAT THIS ASSUMPTION DID NOT RPT NOT REPRESENT FINAL FRG DECISION.

8. FOREGOING CABLE NOT RPT NOT CLEARED WITH DR. FLETCHER PRIOR HIS DEPARTURE. HILLENBRAND

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